

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD**

MINUTES

MAY 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by David Waskowicz, Chairperson, on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 10:01 a.m. at 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT, 06103, Hearing Room J.

Members Present: David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman,
Chairperson
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyman
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Kevin Griffith – State Fire Marshal
Keith Flood – Local Fire Marshal
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member

Members Absent: John Michalewicz – Public Member

Board Vacancies: Public member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Robert Kuzmich, License and Applications Specialist

Others Present: Pamela Brown, Director
John Abbate, Jr., NFSA, FPT
William Abbott, State Fire Marshal

Note: The administrative functions of the Boards, Commissions and Councils are carried out by the Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational and Professional Licensing Division. For information contact Richard M. Hurlburt, Director at (860) 713-6135 or Fax: (860) 706-1255.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from the March 15, 2018 Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA TO ADD THE APPEARANCE OF PAMELA BROWN, DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS UNIT:

Pamela Brown, newly hired as Director of Investigations, introduced herself to the Board. The Board briefly informed Pamela of their concerns regarding violations taking place in the fire protection trade.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

1. David Waskowicz suggested that Board members check their identification badges in case they are expired.
2. David Waskowicz brought forth a drawing he had been given, and stated that there are concerns about the legitimacy of the signing and sealing by the engineer. Richard Hurlburt suggested that David return it to the individual whom he received it from so that they can file a formal complaint with DCP.

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Multipurpose Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

- **Update on drafting of related instruction requirements for proposed license types F7/F8 (Note: Now license types F5/F6) by David Waskowicz and Robert Hollis**

David Waskowicz reported that he and Robert Hollis met with DCP Commissioner Michelle Seagull, Todd Berch, Department of Labor, and other DCP staff on April 2, 2018 to discuss the F7/F8 (Now F5/F6) proposed license category and curriculum. The drafting of the curriculum is still in progress and is moving forward.

A memo from Home Builders and Remodelers Association of Connecticut, Inc. (HBRA) dated May 8, 2018 regarding the association's opposition to the proposed new State Building Code and the requirement to install fire sprinklers in all new townhomes was distributed and noted by the Board. This proposed code change is currently in regulation review.

Kevin Griffith distributed a document containing a list of the members of the regulation review committee, their opinion, and their contact information. William Abbott, Office of the State Fire Marshal, stated that his Office has reached out to AFSA to gather support on this issue and Board members are urged to contact review committee members before the vote, which is scheduled for May 22, 2018.

2. Connecticut General Statutes Section 20-330; Definition of “Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work”

Proposed Bill No. 5320 – An Act Concerning Occupational Licensing And Building Trades and Contractor Debarment included the addition of the terms “inspection and testing” to the definition of fire sprinkler systems work. David Waskowicz informed the Board that the bill has been withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Applications - Report including applications approved from March 13, 2018 to present

Board so noted.

2. Fire Suppression Systems Technician (F4) Work Schedule

Board so noted.

3. State of Connecticut Regulations – Section 20-332-6a – Licenses issued by the state board of fire protection sprinkler systems work

Board so noted.

4. Pass/fail rates for F-2 exams

Tom Booth inquired about the pass/fail rate for F-2 exams for the past year. Richard Hurlburt will provide this information at the July 19, 2018 meeting.

5. National Home Fire Sprinkler Day will be May 19, 2018

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from James H. Brake, Brake Fire Protection, Inc. dated May 16, 2018 regarding the passing of Roger H. Brake, Jr., his father

David Waskowicz read this letter aloud and there was a moment of silence in honor of Roger Brake.

Richard Hurlburt informed the Board that Roger Brake's License No. FRP.0010002-F1 will be retired and cannot be reassigned to James Brake, as requested in the letter. The Department will contact James Brake to inform him of this.

DCP INVESTIGATION DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. The Board to review quarterly report when provided.

No report was provided at today's meeting.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2018 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- July 19
- September 20
- November 15

**All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT at
10:00 a.m.**